



FALLEN WARRIORS

Wyoming has a strong tradition of military service. Men and women from the Cowboy State have served their nation proudly from the Spanish-American War to the present Global War on Terror. Some have given as said by Abraham Lincoln, “their last full measure of devotion.”

To honor the fallen, the Wyoming Veterans Commission created the Fallen Warrior Memorial Project. Computer kiosks shared information and photographs from service members who died in service after 2001. For almost a decade those kiosks traveled across the state. Now it is available online.

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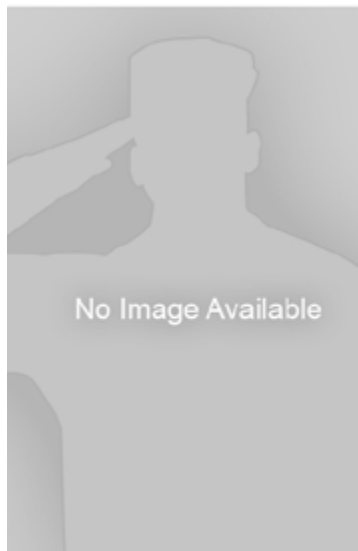


Abell, James

Born – September 15, 1978, Sheridan, Wyoming
Died – September 18, 2010, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Hometown – Sheridan, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Sergeant
Enlistment Date – March 2005
Unit – 82nd Airborne Division

Sergeant James Abell, was born September 15, 1978, in Sheridan, Wyo. SGT Abell, 32, of the 82nd Airborne Division died September 18, 2010 in a Fayetteville, NC car wreck on the All American Freeway Saturday near Skibo Road. SGT Abell served as a retention NCO in 1st Battalion, 321st Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne). After joining the U. S. Army in March 2005, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in July 2005 as a cannoneer. Abell's most recent deployments were to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Abell is survived by his parents Mike and Sonja Abell, his sister Sasha Johnston, brother-in-law Chris Johnston, and nephews Eli and Caleb, and niece, Alexia.



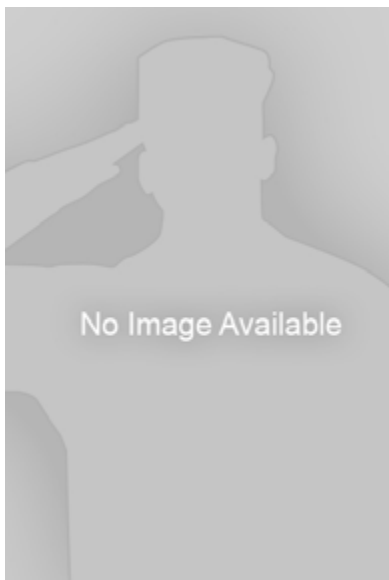
Adams, Richard

Born – November 21, 1981, Pueblo, Colorado
Died – April 5, 2006, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina

Hometown – Laramie, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank – Private First Class
Enlistment Date – May 9, 2003
Unit – 133rd Engineer Company

Private First Class Richard H. Adams was born on November 21, 1981 in Colorado. PFC Adams died on April 5, 2006. Survivors include his wife, Taylor Weese.

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Adrian, Brian G.

Born – August 10, 1964

Died – February 15, 2006, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

Hometown – Fort Collins, Colorado

Branch of Service – Alaska Air National Guard

Rank – Major

Enlistment Date –

Unit – 212th Rescue Squadron, 176th Wing

Major Bryan G. Adrian died February 15, 2006, at Lackland AFB in Texas. MAJ Adrian, 41, was taking part in water confidence training as part of a Combat Rescue Officers Course when he died. He died during the seventh week of the eight-week indoctrination course. He lost consciousness while participating in a 50-meter underwater swim. The accident was under investigation until the cause of death was determined to be a pre-existing heart condition known as Long Q-T Syndrome. Long Q-T Syndrome results from an abnormal delay in the heart's electrical conduction ability, which affects the heart's ability to pump blood. The five factors that significantly contributed to MAJ Adrian's death included: the strenuous exercise of the PJ/CRO course induced by the 50-meter underwater swim, the major's use of dietary supplements and over the counter medications, Adrian's unyielding determination to complete the course, the rescuers' problems securing an airway, and delay in attaching the defibrillator. MAJ Adrian was permanently assigned to the 176th Wing of the Alaska National Guard. Maj. Adrian was temporarily assigned to the 342nd Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during training to be a combat rescue officer. He had been at Lackland since Dec. 5, attending training. Survivors include his 2 children Trevor and Alea, Donna Adrian, Pat Adrian, Bess Adrian, Raquel Adrian, Karena Adrian, Joan Adrian, and Ruth Adrian.

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Allison, Jaymie M.

Born – August 13, 1980, Sheridan, Wyoming

Died – January 13, 2011, Savannah, Georgia

Hometown – Big Horn, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Sergeant

Enlistment Date – August 2006

Unit – HHC, 3rd CAB, 3rd Infantry Division

Sergeant Jaymie Myschele Allison was born August 13, 1980, in Sheridan, WY. SGT Allison, 30, died January 13, 2011, in Savannah, GA, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident where she was currently stationed with the US Army. SGT Allison joined the US Army August 2006. During the course of her enlistment, she had two deployments. She was certified in air traffic control during her first deployment to Iraq. Upon returning from Iraq, she transferred from Ft Stewart, GA to Ft Hunter, GA. Her second deployment was in Afghanistan. After returning in November 2010, where she achieved the rank of Sergeant and graduated from college with a bachelor degree in general studies and military history. She just received orders to transfer to Ft Rucker, Alabama to train in the pilots program. SGT Allison received the following medals while in the Army: 3 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Army Achievement Medals, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, the NATO Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. She is survived by her parents James and Michael Allison and her three children Robert James, Mollie Marie and William Spencer of Big Horn, WY., her sisters Amber Lee Allison of Colorado Springs, CO and Autumn Marie Mullenix (Dylan) of Brazil, Indiana, paternal grandfather Arthur “Joe” Allison (Fay) of Sheridan, WY and maternal grandmother Barbara Cassel (Zane) of Evanston, WY.

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Arellano, James J.

Born – September 12, 1986, Wyoming

Died – August 17, 2006, Bagdad, Iraq

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Private First Class

Enlistment Date – August 2006

Unit – 4th Infantry Division

Private First Class James J. Arellano was born on September 12, 1986. Pfc. Arellano, 19, died August 17, 2006, when his patrol encountered enemy forces using makeshift bombs and small arms fire in Baghdad. PFC Arellano stepped on a roadside bomb. PFC Arellano graduated from Cheyenne Central in 2005. Like joining the military, James didn't ask his mother's advice. He listened to her reservations, then did what he was determined to do. Jaime Smith flew to Fort Hood over a long weekend, and they married days before he left for Iraq. Diana listened to the ceremony over the phone. Survivors include his wife, Jaime Smith-Arellano, his Mom and Dad, Jim Arellano of Cheyenne and Diana Arellano of Commerce City, CO, his brother, Andrew Arellano and his sister, Diana Arellano.



Ayala, Alejandro

Born – February 22, 1981, California

Died – November 18, 2007, Kuwait

Hometown – Riverside, California

Branch of Service – Air Force

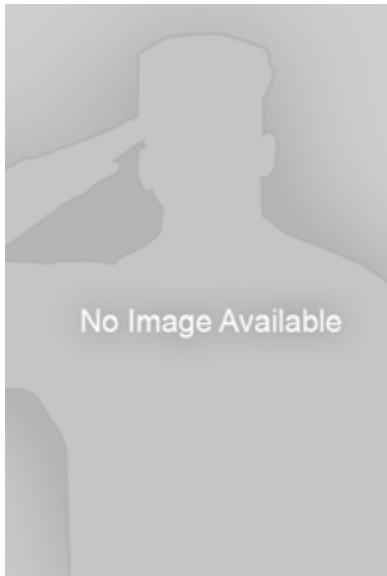
Rank – Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date – June 25, 1999

Unit – 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Air Force Staff Sergeant. Alejandro Ayala, 26, of Riverside, Calif., died November 18, 2007, of injuries sustained as a result of a vehicle accident in Kuwait. SSgt Ayala, died from injuries received in a vehicle accident in Kuwait while serving with forces fighting the Iraq war. The accident is under investigation. SSgt Ayala Alejandro was assigned to the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY. SSgt Ayala's fascination with the military began at Arlington High School, where he served with the ROTC. SSgt Ayala graduated in 1999 and immediately joined the Air Force. SSgt Ayala attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base then was assigned to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in NC, where he met his future wife. The two were married in 2003 in Moreno Valley at the Riverside County clerk's office. SSgt Ayala is survived by his wife, Megan, an Air Force veteran, and his children, Alexandra, 4, and Matthew, 2, from Wyoming, where SSgt Ayala was assigned to the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. SSGT Sgt Ayala is also survived by his brother Cesar Ayala and an older brother, Francisco Ayala.

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Ayotte, Shawn J.

Born – August 25, 1976, Wayne, North Carolina

Died – March 20, 2005, Berthoud, Colorado

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Wyoming Air National Guard

Rank – Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date – April 3, 2000

Unit – 153rd Command and Control Squadron

Staff Sergeant Shawn Ayotte was born on August 25, 1976. He died in a dirt bike accident on March 20, 2005 in Berthoud, Colorado. Survivors include his spouse, Amanda Ayotte of Cheyenne, his father, Paul Donald Ayotte and his father-in-law, Chief Rob Coughnour, and his mother-in-law, Heather Coughenour from Cheyenne.

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Banks, Brett

Born – March 12, 1977, Rock Springs, Wyoming

Died – July 7, 2010, LaPush, Washington

Hometown – Green River, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Coast Guard

Rank – Aviation Maintenance Technician Second Class

Enlistment Date – 2000

Unit – CG Air Station Kodiak

Aviation Maintenance Technician Second Class Brett M. Banks, 33, of Green River, WY died on July 7, 2010. AMT2 Banks died when the MH-60 Jayhawk crashed in the waters off La Push while flying from Astoria, Ore., to Sitka after clipping power lines. AMT2 Banks graduated from Green River HS in 1995. His awards/accolades include: three Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award, three Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon, three Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, Transportation 9-11 Ribbon, Global War Terror Service Medal, Coast Guard Rifle Marksman Ribbon, Coast Guard Pistol Marksman Ribbon. He has served in the Coast Guard for more than 9 years. AMT2 Banks is survived by his wife Tiffany Banks, sons Shane Matthew and Austin Tucker Banks, all of Sitka, Alaska; his parents Ivan B. and Sandra B. Banks of Green River; his sisters Dayna and husband Morgan McKinnon of Logan, Utah, Karianne and husband Allen Robinson of Rawlins, and Nicole and husband Mark Miller of Idaho Falls; brothers Kenneth Banks of Henderson, Nev., and Justin David Banks of Green River; and 15 nieces and nephews.

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Barcus, Collier E.

Born – June 13, 1983, Elgin, Illinois

Died – July 8, 2004, Samarra, Iraq

Hometown – McHenry, Illinois

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Private First Class

Enlistment Date – September 11, 2001

Unit – 1st Infantry Division

Private First Class Collier Edwin Barcus was born on June 13, 1983. PFC Barcus, 21, of the US Army, died on July 8, 2004, while he was looking for survivors in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq after it was destroyed by a suicide car bomber, when it came under a mortar attack. He was killed in Iraq after insurgents launched mortars at the Iraqi National Guard building in Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad. PFC Barcus was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. PFC Barcus who had been stationed in Iraq with the Army's 1st Infantry Division since January 2003, was expected to return home on leave July 28. Barcus finished high school on a Wyoming ranch, where he was home-schooled and learned ranching skills, and he hoped to return there someday to own his own ranch. PFC Barcus decided on Sept. 11, 2001, to join the military after watching the terrorist attacks. He enlisted in the Army that day because he said he had to do something. PFC Barcus believed in what he was doing and wanted to be in Iraq. He believed the Iraqi people needed to be free. PFC Barcus is survived by his parents, Greg and Sandy Barcus of McHenry, Illinois, a brother, Micha; a sister, Jessa; his grandmother, Yvonne Barcus; his uncle, George Fueschl of Hoffman Estates, IL.



Barnes, Eric

Born – July 30, 1986, Lorain, Ohio

Died – June 10, 2007, 100 mi south of Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Lorain, Ohio

Branch of Service – Air Force

Rank – Airman 1st Class

Enlistment Date – May 10, 2005

Unit – 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron, F.E. Warren Air
Force Base

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Becker, Shane

Born – October 12, 1971, Denver, Colorado

Died – April 3, 2007, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Helena, Montana

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date – 1993

Unit – 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

Sergeant Shane R. Becker, 35, died April 3, 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small-arms fire. Staff Sgt Becker was a 1990 graduate of Greeley West High School. Staff Sgt Becker, Alaska-based paratrooper, was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska. Becker, whose hometown was listed by the military as Helena, Mont., grew up in Greeley, Colo., where his stepfather is a firefighter, the Greeley Tribune newspaper reported. He is survived by his wife, Crystal, and two daughters, Cierra C. Becker and Cheyenna C. Becker, all of Alaska; his mother Deborah and his step-father Bob Jorgensen of Greeley, CO. his sister and brother, Brooke and Matt Jorgensen of Colorado; father and stepmother, Robert J. Becker Jr. and Jean Becker of Montana; and brothers and sister, Chris Becker, Adam Becker and Nichole Becker.

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Bland, Brian D.

Born – March 12, 1978, Newcastle, Wyoming

Died – January 26, 2005, Western Iraq

Hometown – Weston, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Marine Corps

Rank – Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date – 1995

Unit – 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine
Division

Staff Sergeant Brian D. Bland, 26, died January 26, 2005, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom, when the CH-53E helicopter in which he was riding crashed during a sandstorm near Rutbah, Iraq. The CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter that Bland was riding in crashed near Rutbah in western Iraq. SSgt Bland joined the Marines after graduating high school in 1995 and re-enlisted twice. Staff Sgt Bland was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Bland joined the Marines after graduating from Newcastle High School in 1995. He later graduated from drill sergeant school. SSg Bland had ordered a tank to ram a hole into a building so a group of Marines who were pinned down by enemy fire could get out safely. SSg Bland had planned to stay in the service until he retired. He is survived by his wife, Stacy Bland of San Diego, CA; his mother Beverly Arntson and step-father, Mark Arntson of Rapid City, SD; brother Jeremy Bland and sister-in-law Hidie Bland of Sheridan, WY; niece Madison Bland and nephew Gabriel Bland; and Grandmother Emma Lee Ash of Sheridan, WY. Also surviving are many aunts, uncles cousins, and second cousins.

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Burns, Kyle

Born – July 16, 1984, Laramie, Wyoming

Died – November 11, 2004, Fallujah, Iraq

Hometown – Laramie, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Marine Corps

Rank – Lance Corporal

Enlistment Date – 2002

Unit – 1st Marine Division

Lance Corporal Kyle W. Burns, 20, died November 11th, 2004, during an ambush assault in Fallujah, Iraq. LCpl Burns joined the Marines when he was 17 years old. He excelled in the military. He was just short of a rank promotion to corporal and he had already bought his bars. LCpl Burns drew fire away from the other Marines on the ground during the ambush assault. Lance Cpl Burns is survived by his parents Robert and Jocelyn Burns.

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Byrd, Matthew

Born – November 16, 1990, Cody, Wyoming
Died – October 13, 2010, Yahya Kheyl, Afghanistan

Hometown – Grantsville, Utah
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Specialist
Enlistment Date – September 2009
Unit – 101st Airborne Division

Specialist Jordan Matthew Byrd was born on November 16, 1990. Spc Jordan Matthew Byrd, 19, was killed in action, October 13, 2010, aiding a wounded soldier during a combat mission in Paktika Province, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. SPC Byrd joined the army in September 2009 to become a Medic and was assigned to HHC1-506 INF 101st Airborne Division. SPC Byrd attended formal training as a medic at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He was then assigned permanently to Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division. SPC Byrd was also proud of his service to his country and fellow soldiers. SPC Byrd passed away on the battlefield selflessly aiding those around him. His awards and decorations include, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon. SPC Byrd was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the Army's third highest award for valor. Survivors include his wife Savanna his son Ayden, parents Roberta Byrd (Pitt) and Scott Pitt, and father Justin Brost in Cody, Wyoming, sisters Abby Byrd, Maddie (Mitch) Klupenher, Sidney, Emmily Brost, brothers Nicholas Torrence Brown, Tyler Corbett, Trevor Brost, grandparents Johnny Murray, Richard and Dorothy Pitt, Billy and Nancy Byrd, Gearald and Juanita Brost.

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Cerwick, Jesse R.

Born – December 18, 1987, Iowa
Died – January 15, 2011, Copperas Cove, TX

Hometown – Sheridan, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Private
Enlistment Date – August 2010
Unit – 1st Cavalry Division

Private Jesse Raymond Cerwick, 23, of Sheridan, WY, died on January 15, 2011, from injuries suffered in a vehicle accident on West Highway 190 in Copperas Cove, TX. PVT Cerwick joined the military in August 2010, as an armor crewman and had been assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, since December. His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and Army Service Ribbon. Survivors include his father, Ray Cerwick and his mother Collette Prill of Sheridan, WY.



Childers, Therrel

Born – June 19, 1972, West Hamlin, West Virginia

Died – March 21, 2003, Ramalyah, Iraq

Hometown – Powell, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Marine Corps

Rank – Second Lieutenant

Enlistment Date – July 1990

Unit – 1st Marine Division

Marine Second Lieutenant Therrel Shane Childers, died March 21, 2003, serving During Operation Iraqi Freedom. 2ndLt Childers, 30, killed in action in Southern Iraq when he was shot in the abdomen in an assault on a pumping station in Iraq. 2ndLt Childers was the first American casualty in Operation Iraqi Freedom. 2ndLt Childers went to The Citadel as part of the Marine Enlisted Continuing Education Program. 2ndLt Childers was described as a born leader, serious and focused, who built his life around being a Marine. Childers grew up in a military family primarily in Harrison County, Mississippi., and enlisted after high school. He served in the 1991 Gulf War, and in 2001 he completed the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program at The Citadel. Survivors include his parents, Joe and Judy of Powell, WY, and brother, Samuel of LaSalle, Illinois, and his sister, Sandra Brown of Ft Hood, TX. The Childers presented the Citadel University's president with a check from the Shane Childers Memorial Fund, which they donated to the school's Shane Childers Scholarship Fund.

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Corbett, Jason

Born – March 18, 1983, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Died – January 15, 2007, Karmah, Iraq

Hometown – Casper, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Specialist

Enlistment Date – May 2004

Unit – 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th
Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division

Specialist Jason J Corbett, 23, died on January 15, 2007, while attempting to help a foot patrol from his platoon that was under enemy fire. When his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations in Karmah, Iraq. SPC Corbett attended Fairdale Elementary, then Centennial Junior High, before graduating from Kelly Walsh High School in 2001. By then, he had already spoken to an Army recruiter. His Army career began in May 2004 with boot camp and then Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA. SPC Corbett was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska. A scholarship was set up in his honor at Casper College.

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Cowan, John

Born – May 8, 1986, Fort Stewart, Georgia
Died – September 2, 2007, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hometown – Florence, Colorado
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Specialist
Enlistment Date – November 1, 2004
Unit – 43rd Area Support Group

Specialist John J. Cowan Jr. was born on May 8, 1986 in Fort Stewart, GA. SPC Cowan, 21, died on September 2, 2007, by lightning on top of St. Peter's Dome overlooking Colorado Springs while camping with three other Soldiers. SPC Cowan graduated from Florence Carlton High School in 2004. He enlisted in the Army on November 1, 2004, as an 88M. He graduated Basic Training and AIT in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., then reported to his permanent duty station at Fort Campbell, Ky., with A Co, 2nd BCT, 526 BSB, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He served a year tour in Iraq based at Camp Stryker near Baghdad. SPC Cowan received Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic Badge and Expert Qualification Badge. SPC Cowan received his Battalion Commander's coin for his service in Task Force Baghdad with 525th BSB for the 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He also received a coin for Excellence in Combat & Peace from the 2nd BCT, 502nd Command Sergeant Major, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Survivors include his parents John and Lodi Cowan of Florence, his special friend, Christian Sadler and their unborn child from Rock Springs WY, and his sister Randi Dodge of Nampa, Idaho, his nephew, Baron, and his niece, Amelia.

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Cronkrite, Brud

Born – June 24, 1981, El Cajon, California

Died – May 14, 2004, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Spring Valley, California

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Sergeant

Enlistment Date – March 1, 2001

Unit – 1st Armored Division

Sergeant Brud J. Cronkrite, 22, of Spring Valley, California died May 14, 2004, in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries he sustained in Karbala when a rocket-propelled grenade fired into a building near him during a security patrol. SGT Cronkrite attended and graduated in 1999 from Mount Empire High School. He enlisted in the Army in March 2001. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany. Survivors include his parents, William and Wendy Cronkrite of Portrero, CA.

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Deuel, Michael

Born – June 3, 1982, Michigan
Died – June 18, 2003, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Nemo, South Dakota
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Private First Class
Enlistment Date – September 2001
Unit – 82nd Airborne Division

Private First Class Michael R. Deuel was born on June 3, 1982. PFC Deuel, 21, died on June 18, 2003, in Baghdad Iraq from fatal gunshot wounds while on guard duty at a propane distribution center. PFC Deuel attended Cheyenne East High School for two years before joining the Boxelder Job Corps program in South Dakota at the age of 17. Deuel found high school boring, but thrived when he transferred to a job corps training center. In 15 months, Deuel earned his GED and a certification in culinary arts. While there, he also fought some forest fires and found his calling. PFC Deuel enlisted in the Army September 2001, approximately one week before the 911 attacks, because he wanted to learn parachuting and eventually become a smoke jumping firefighter. He was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Survivors are his parents, Dudley “Ace” and Debra Deuel, they retired in 1994 from FEWAFB then moved to San Antonio, Texas, a sister, Dawn, 22, in San Antonio, and a stepbrother in Cheyenne and stepsister in Arizona.

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Edmunds, John J.

Born – January 3, 1981, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Died – October 19, 2001, Pakistan

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Specialist

Enlistment Date – July 20, 2001

Unit – 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

Specialist John J. Edmunds was born January 3, 1981, in Colorado Springs, CO. SPC Edmunds, 20, died October 19, 2001, in a helicopter crash in a UH-60 Black Hawk during a training mission in Pakistan while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Edmunds graduated from Cheyenne East High School in May 1999. He entered the Army in Denver, Colorado on July 20, 1999. He attended One Station Unit Training, Airborne School and the 75th Ranger Regiment's Ranger Indoctrination Program at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to Bravo Company 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia on December 16, 1999. SPC Edmunds moved up efficiently as a Ranger. He graduated Ranger School on March 16, 2001. After Ranger School, he moved up to Gunner Team Leader in 1st Platoon Bravo Company. SPC Edmunds deployed October 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Edmunds awards include the Army Service Ribbon, the Parachutist's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Ribbon, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. Survivors are his wife Anne Costello-Edmunds, his father Don Edmunds.

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Ehney, Robert

Born – July 24, 1979, Memphis, Tennessee

Died – April 23, 2006, Taji, Iraq

Hometown – Lexington, Kentucky

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Sergeant

Enlistment Date – March 5, 2003

Unit – 4th Infantry Division

Sergeant Robert W. Ehney, 26, died April 23, 2006, serving During Operation Iraqi Freedom in Taji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat operations. SGT Ehney attended Eagle Crest High School in Centennial, Colo., he left school then earned his GED. Sgt Ehney was assigned to the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. SGT Ehney was the gunner in the Humvee filled with soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas. This was SGT Ehney's second tour in Iraq. His first began about three months after the war started. SGT Ehney earned a Bronze Star for protecting the younger soldiers in his unit. In the mess hall, Robert kept morale up by talking with soldiers who were homesick or had a bad day. He cracked jokes to keep spirits up. Survivors include his father, Harry Ehney of Lexington, who works for Federal Express, his mother Mary Beth Ehney, his son, William Jacob Ehney, He is also survived by his grandmother and sister, Casey Ehney of Lexington, and his fiancée, Amanda Applegate of Maysville.

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Farris, Billy

Born – January 25, 1986, Phoenix, Arizona

Died – December 3, 2006, Taji, Iraq

Hometown – Bapchule, Arizona

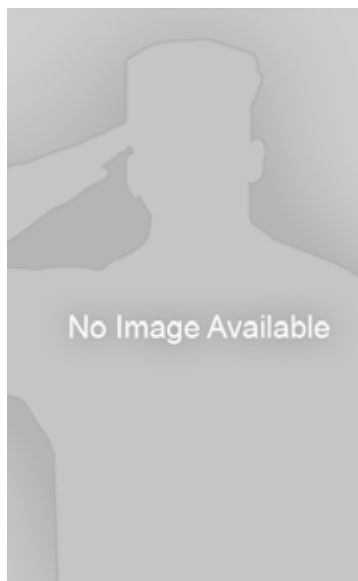
Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Corporal

Enlistment Date – July 14, 2004

Unit – 2nd Infantry Division

Corporal Billy B. Farris, 20, died December 3, 2006, of injuries sustained when a roadside improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle while conducting escort operations in Taji, Iraq. CPL Farris attended St. Peters Indian Mission School in Bapchule, Arizona. He then attended high school at Casa Grande Union High School for two years then transferred to Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, graduating in May of 2004. CPL Farris entered the United States Army July 13, 2004, and completed basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, then was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington with the Stryker Brigade Combat Team. CPL Farris was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. His unit departed for Mosul, Iraq in June of 2006. Survivors are his parents Elizabeth Antone and Larry Antone from Bapchule, AZ, a son, Kaiden and his high school sweetheart, Michelle Tritt both of Fairbanks, Alaska, two brothers, Thomas and Shaun and a sister, Krista.



Foley, Levi

Born – July 9, 1984, Fort Lewis, Washington
Died – February 19, 2009, Mannheim, Germany

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Specialist
Enlistment Date – October 8, 2003
Unit – 1-214th Aviation Regiment

Specialist Levi Ross Foley was born July 9, 1984. SPC Foley, 24, died February 19, 2009 in Mannheim, Germany. Spc. Foley served in the Army with two tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was a member of the NAACP. He is survived by his father, Thomas Patrick Foley of Cheyenne and his mother, Jeana Madden of Cheyenne; a brother, Thomas L. Foley of Pennsylvania; a sister, Estelle L.C. Foley of Cheyenne; his grandparents, Kay and Ed Habib of Cheyenne and Connie and Harold Ruscheinsky of Washington; and his step-brothers and step-sisters.

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Griffin, Kevin

Born – July 17, 1967, Chicago, Illinois
Died – August 8, 2012, Sarkowi, Afghanistan

Hometown – Laramie, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Command Sergeant Major
Enlistment Date – March 7, 1988
Unit – 4th Infantry Division

Command Sergeant Major Kevin J. Griffin, 45, died August 8, 2012 in Sarkowi, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by a suicide bomb attack when insurgents detonated suicide vests in Kunar province while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. CSM Griffin attended and graduated in 1985 from Riverton HS in WY, then attended Northwest Community College in Powell. He transferred to the University of Wyoming after two years, and then joined the military. He served three tours in Iraq and had been deployed to Kuwait and the Balkans. His awards and decorations includes 5 Bronze Star Medals, Purple Heart Medal, and 3 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals w/ Valor, 4 Army Commendation Medals, and 8 Army Achievement Medals, Recruiting Badge (3 gold Sapphire), Gold Recruiting Ring and the coveted Combat Action Badge. He is survived by his wife Pamela and daughter Kylie of Colorado Springs, CO, son Dane stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, in-laws Bruce and Carol Barton of Sheridan, Wyoming, sisters Pam and husband Don Nicholls of Rawlins, Wyoming, Sheila Hansen of Cathedral City, California, brothers, Shawn and wife Shelley of Riverton, Wyoming, Dan and wife Sherry Griffin of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Matthew Griffin of Hudson, Wisconsin, and step-mother Carol Griffin of Hudson, Wisconsin and numerous nieces and nephews. Survivors include two children, a brother, Shawn Griffin.

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Hall, Jerod

Born – January 11, 1980, Rawlins, Wyoming
Died – April 6, 2006, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Hometown – Rawlins, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Corporal
Enlistment Date – June 26, 2002
Unit –

Corporal Jerod A. Hall was born on January 11, 1980. He died on April 6, 2006. CPL Hall enlisted in the Army on June 26, 2002. Survivors include his mother, Mary Ann Goodro of Rawlins, WY, a brother, Adam Hall, an Aunt, Virginia Hanks and an Aunt, Kathi Davidson.

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Hartle, Lambert

Born – November 10, 1964, Baltimore, Maryland

Died – July 18, 2010, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hometown – Rawlins, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Wyoming Air National Guard

Rank – Technical Sergeant

Enlistment Date – November 15, 2000

Unit – 153rd Command and Control Squadron

Technical Sergeant, A.J. Hartle, was born Nov. 10, 1964. TSgt Hartle, 45, died July 18 in Cheyenne, WY from a heart attack. TSgt Hartle was stationed at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base. A.J. is survived by his daughter, Sarah Hartle of Cheyenne; and three sisters, Lori Hartle of Ellicott City, Md., Kelly Wood of Tryon, N.C., and Erin Dolce of Hanover.

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Hays, Bruce

Born – December 29, 1965, Merced, California
Died – September 17, 2008, Gerdia Seria, Afghanistan

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank – Captain
Enlistment Date – 1984
Unit – Task Force Phoenix

Captain Bruce E. Hays was born Dec. 29, 1965, in Merced, Calif. CPT Hays, 42, of the WY ARNG, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, in Gerdia Seria, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered a makeshift bomb. He graduated from Capitan (New Mexico) High School in 1984 and joined the Army. He served as an enlisted soldier as a tanker with the 2nd ACR for eight years, including service in Desert Storm, then attended New Mexico State University. During his college years, he was employed at the Army Research Lab at White Sands Missile Range. In 1996, he graduated with honors from New Mexico State University with a degree in soil science. He was a surveyor with the USDA Soil Service and then was offered a commission in the Army National Guard. He was employed full time with the WY ARNG. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity at NMSU; the American Legion in WY; the National Rifle Association; and Yellowstone Baptist Church in Cheyenne, WY. Survivors include his wife, Marie Hays, of Alamogordo; his children, Bethany & Eleanor Hays, of Alamogordo, John Vance III, of Albuquerque, and Alfonso & Genevieve Vance, of Cheyenne, WY; his parents, Leonard & Barbara Louise Hays, of Alamogordo; two brothers, Scott Hays, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mark Hays and his wife, Julie, of Hobbs; and his in-laws, Arturo and Pilar Madrid, of Anthony.

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Hemsath, Matthew

Born – June 6, 1989, Buffalo, Wyoming
Died – November 17, 2009, Buffalo, Wyoming

Hometown – Buffalo, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Wyoming Air National Guard
Rank – Airman 1st Class
Enlistment Date – 2007
Unit – 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Matthew Albert Hemsath was born on June 6 1989. A1C Hemsath, 20, died on November 17, 2009. A1C Hemsath graduated from Belford High School in 2007. He joined the Air National Guard and was deployed for one tour of duty in Afghanistan and returned a decorated veteran. Survivors include his wife Desirea of Buffalo, parents Morris and Lisa Zimmerman Hemsath of Buffalo, two sisters Carmin Hemsath and her companion Jeffrey Enenbach, of Casper and Rebecca Cleveland and her husband Robert of Buffalo, one niece Kate Lynn Cleveland and one nephew Gabriel Cleveland both of Buffalo one sister, cousin Tina Erlenbusch and her husband Matt of Buffalo, maternal grandparents Donald and Barbara Zimmerman of Casper his paternal grandmother Sister Audrey Hemsath of Oamprsqquo Fallon, Mo, an aunt and uncle Lori and Rodney Clark of Buffalo.

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Henderson, Jim

Born – June 18, 1948, Knoxville, Tennessee
Died – August 20, 2007, Big Horn National Forest, Wyoming

Hometown – Cowley, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Civil Air Patrol
Rank – Lieutenant Colonel
Enlistment Date – 1971
Unit – Yellowstone Regional Composite Squadron, Wyoming
Wing, Civil Air Patrol

Lieutenant Colonel James Harold Henderson was born June 18, 1948. Lt Col Henderson, 59, died on August 20, 2007, in the Big Horn Mountain National Forest, WY, while piloting a Civil Air Patrol plane on a search mission looking for a lost 16-year-old boy. Lt Col Henderson attended Kodaikanal School in Kodaikanal, India, and graduated from Coffee High School, Florence. He graduated from the University of North Alabama as an honor graduate in ROTC and received a master of science degree from the University of Southern CA. Lt Col Henderson was retired from the active and Reserve U.S. Army. He was sworn into active service in 1971 by Brig. General George Patton III at Fort Knox, Ky. He served in Frankfurt, Germany, 3rd Armored Division, served in the Persian Gulf War as an area officer for Asia and a military attache in Nepal, 1994, which he received the Defense Meritorious Service medal. He was a highly trained, seven-year veteran of the Civil Air Patrol. He served as a search and rescue officer, counter-drug officer, flight release officer, mission check pilot, cadet orientation pilot, SAR/DR mission pilot, transport mission pilot and moral leadership instructor for the Wyoming Wing. Survivors include his parents, Dr. Harold (Al) Henderson and Joanna McCammon Henderson, Florence, Ala.; daughters, Jeannette Henderson, Lansing, Mich., Joanne Henderson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a son, Joshua Henderson, Ann Arbor, Mich. a sister, Elizabeth H. Harwell (B. James), Auburn, AL.

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Hicks, Corey L.

Born – January 17, 1986, Billings, Montana

Died – May 2, 2008, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Glendale, Arizona

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Private

Enlistment Date – August 31, 2007

Unit – 4th Infantry Division

Private Corey L. Hicks was born on January 17, 1986. PVT Hicks, 22, died Friday, May 2, 2008, after his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. Pvt Hicks graduated from Cortez High School in 2004. He joined the Army on August 31, 2007. PVT Hicks served in the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas. His duties included exploding roadside bombs before other soldiers came across them. Survivors include his father, Russell Hicks Sr., and mother, Dawn Settle.



Hoster, Leroy

Born – June 3, 1980, Riverton, Wyoming

Died – May 2, 2010, Riverton, Wyoming

Hometown – Riverton, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Marine Corps & Wyoming Army
National Guard

Rank – Lance Corporal (USMC), Private First Class
(WYARNG)

Enlistment Date – June 8, 1998

Unit – 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery

Private First Class Leroy R. Hoster III was born on June 3, 1980. PFC Hoster 29, died on May 2, 2010, at his home in Riverton. PFC Hoster graduated from Riverton High School in 1998. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps enlisting June 8, 1998 and was discharged from active duty on Sept. 15, 2003. He had specialized in Field Radio Operations and Aviation Support Equipment. He was attached to the USMC-11 department and attained the rank of lance corporal. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. He had joined the Wyoming Army National Guard on April 28, 2010, of this year. Survivors include a son, Bradley Gordon Spencer of Riverton; his parents, Caroline A (Hamm) and Frank C. Smith of Riverton; grandmother, Artis Smith of Riverton; grandfather, Leroy Hoster, Sr.; two sisters, Brandi Ciesielski and her husband Joshua, and Jennifer Smith of Riverton; a niece, Cheyenne Smith; nephews, Dominick Payne, Carlyle Minner, Logan Ciesielski, and Daniel Ciesielski; aunts, uncles, and cousins in Wyoming and Pennsylvania.

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Hyde, Jeffrey

Born – August 5, 1981, Landstuhl, Germany
Died – June 5, 2011, Ft Bragg, North Carolina

Hometown – Irving, Texas
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Private First Class
Enlistment Date – 2008
Unit – 82nd Airborne Division

Private First Class Jeffrey Hyde was born on August 5, 1981. PFC Hyde, 29, was found unresponsive in his barracks room on June 5, 2011. PFC Hyde, is a graduate of Niceville High School in Florida and a native of Irving, Texas. PFC Hyde joined the Army in 2008. He was a medic with Company C, 307th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. After completion of basic combat training and advanced individual training he arrived at Fort Bragg. During his time in the 82nd Airborne Division, he served as a healthcare specialist and an ambulance aide driver. PFC Hyde deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2009 to July 2010. During his service, PFC Hyde was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Parachutist Badge. Survivors include his parents; Phillip and Judy Hyde of San Antonio, his son, Caleb Patrick Hyde who lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming; sister, Stephanie Hyde Ross and husband Scott; niece, Kassia; and nephew, Kellan Ross.



Jetton, Joshua

Born – September 18, 1989, Lake Havasy, Arizona
Died – June 20, 2011, Kunar Province, Afghanistan

Hometown – Sebring, Florida
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Private First Class
Enlistment Date – August 11, 2010
Unit – 25th Infantry Division

Private First Class Joshua L. Jetton was born on September 18, 1989. PFC Jetton, 21, died of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire in Marawarah district, Kunar province, Afghanistan on June 20, 2011 in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. PFC Jetton was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Survivors include his wife, Alicia L Jetton, his father, Richard L. Jetton from WY, and his mother Cleo A Prabahakran.

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Julian, David

Born – June 15, 1976, Wyoming
Died – March 10, 2008, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Evanston, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army
Rank – Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date – May 12, 1998
Unit – 3rd Infantry Division

Staff Sergeant David D. Julian was born on June 15, 1976. SSG Julian died on March 10, 2008, when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive device in Baghdad. SSG Julian attended school in Evanston and graduated from Evanston High School in 1994. In May 1998, he enlisted in the United State Army. While in the Army he completed tours in Macedonia, Korea and three tours in Iraq. Survivors include his wife, Erin Julian and his daughter, Elizabeth Julian; his mother, Bonnie Bills-Julian, his father Wally Julian and his step-mother, Lynn Julian; his siblings, Eric (Jennifer) Julian, SSG Mark Julian, Chris (Tara) Julian, Mistee (Corey) Rochford, Becki (Alex) Frame and Kellee Julian. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, friends and family.

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Kendall, Jeffrey

Born – December 17, 1991, Laramie, Wyoming

Died – July 30, 2011, Twenty Nine Palms, CA

Hometown – Greeley, Colorado

Branch of Service – Marine Corps

Rank – Private First Class

Enlistment Date – 2010

Unit –

Private First Class Jeffrey Nicholas Kendall was born on December 17, 1991. PFC Kendall, 19, of Greeley, Colo., died July 30, 2011 in Twenty Nine Palms, CA. PFC Kendall attended school and graduated from Greeley Central High School. He graduated from Marine boot camp on his 19th birthday. He was stationed at 29 Palms California and earned the rank of private first class. He was preparing for his upcoming travel to Australia for his first deployment, then attending college to pursue a career in law enforcement. Survivors include Jeffrey's parents, Gordon Kendall, Rapid City, and Sheryl Solberg, Cheyenne, Wyo.; three sisters, Melissa Kendall, Las Vegas, Leslie Feris and her husband, Steve, of Las Vegas, and Alison Shanor and her husband, Luke, of Denver; two nephews, Steven and Alec Feris (who he adored); grandparents, Larry and Marilyn Solberg and great-grandmother, Bertha Geodert, all of Lusk, Wyo. He will also be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Kimsey, Heidi Ann

Born – May 28, 1968, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Died – Nov 18, 2012, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hometown – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Wyoming Air National Guard

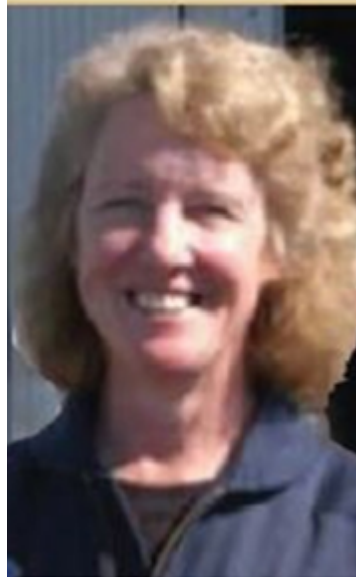
Rank – Senior Master Sergeant

Enlistment Date – 1985

Unit – 153rd Airlift Wing

Senior Master Sergeant Heidi “Ann” Kimsey was born on May 28, 1968. SMSgt Kimsey, 44, of Cheyenne died November 18, 2012 at Davis Hospice Center. SMSgt Kimsey was a member of the Wyoming Air Guard 153rd Air Wing and Ops Group. She was with the Wyoming Air Guard for 19 years and with the Wyoming Army Guard for five years prior to that. SMSgt Kimsey had deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Korea, Puerto Rico, Qatar and Kuwait. She was also in the Wyoming Girl Guard and Cowgirls of the West, and was Past Honor Queen with Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 8 in 1986. Ann is survived by her husband, Matthew Kimsey, whom she married on Dec. 24, 1988, in Laramie; a son, Tyler James Kimsey of Cheyenne; a daughter, Michaela “Mikey” Kimsey of Cheyenne; her parents, Winfried and Sharron Liebe of Cheyenne; a sister, brother-in-law and nephew, Diane and Devin Smith and their son Kyle, all of Cheyenne; and her parents-in-law, Barbara and Terry Kimsey of California.

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Larson, Patricia A.

Born – June 30, 1955, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Died – August 20, 2007, Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming

Hometown – Sheridan, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Civil Air Patrol
Rank – Captain
Enlistment Date – December 11, 2003
Unit – Cloud Peak Composite Squadron, Wyoming Wing,
Civil Air Patrol

Captain Patricia Ann Larson was born on June 30, 1955. Capt Larson, 52, died on August 20, 2007, in an airplane crash in the Bighorn Mountains in Wyoming while searching for a missing teen. The Cessna 182R, N6109N, operated by the Civil Air Patrol as CAPS flight 4940, was destroyed when it impacted terrain 20 miles west of Dayton, Wyoming. Capt Larson graduated from high school in Colorado Springs, Colo. Capt Larson studied ultrasound technology and worked at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, Colo. Moved to Sheridan, Wyo., in 1983 to work at the VA Medical Center. She graduated from nursing school in 1991 in Sheridan as a registered nurse and continued to work at the VA Medical Center and as needed at Memorial Hospital, Home Care and Hospice. Survivors include her husband, John Larson of Sheridan, her father, Rolf Bent of Pueblo West, CO, her mother, Marjorie Haenze-Bents, Timothy Schmidt, and Phillip Wold.

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Long, Brian

Born – September 17, 1974, Missouri

Died – June 10, 2007, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Burns, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date – Early 1990's

Unit – 2nd Infantry Division

Staff Sergeant Brian M. Long was born on September 17, 1974. SSG Long, 32, of Burns, Wyo., died June 10, 2007, in Baghdad of wounds sustained in an explosion after a roadside bomb exploded. SSG Long a 1993 high school graduate. He was part of Stryker unit out of Fort Lewis, Wash. and assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. SSG Long, a former sailor reported to the post in December 2000 and was on his second assignment to Iraq. He was on his second year long tour of Iraq and his tour had been extended by a month. He served four years in the Navy and later joined the Army, where he intended to make a career. Survivors include his wife, Brenda, and three children, Sydney, 7, Shelby, 3, and Sage, 1, his mother, Lynn Curtiss, and sister and other relatives, his sister Kristina Sheets; Mikey Sheets.

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Lucero, Robert

Born – November 12, 1968, Alameda, California

Died – September 25th, 2003, Tikrit, Iraq

Hometown – Casper, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Wyoming Army National Guard

Rank – Captain

Enlistment Date – January 31, 1991

Unit – 4th Infantry Division

Captain Robert L. Lucero was born on November 12, 1968. CPT Lucero, 34, died on Sept. 25, 2003, in Tikrit, Iraq when he was struck by an improvised explosive device while searching for a water pump inside a Tikrit building. He was Wyoming National Guard's first fatality in Iraq. CPT Lucero was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division Rear Area Operation Center, U.S. Army National Guard, Casper, Wyo. Lucero had been out fishing on Sept. 11, 2001, but when he learned of the terrorist attacks he dropped everything and headed to Cheyenne to see what he could do as a Wyoming National Guardsman. Survivors include his wife, Sherry, his mother Lois Ann Wright of Casper, and two sisters.

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Martens, Robert

Born – February 1, 1985, Cody, Wyoming
Died – September 6, 2005, Al Qaim, Iraq

Hometown – Queen Creek, Arizona
Branch of Service – Navy
Rank – Hospitalman
Enlistment Date – March 17, 2007
Unit – 2nd Marine Division

Navy Hospitalman Robert Nathan Martens, 20, of Queen Creek, Ariz. Died on September 6, 2005, as a passenger on night patrol when the Humvee he was riding in rolled over in Al Qaim, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. HM Martens was assigned to II Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Survivors include his parents Maria and Rob Martens of Queen Creek, Arizona, his wife Erin, his daughter Riley Jo Martens, his sister Bobbie Ann and his brother Matthew, along with many other family members and friends.

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Mayek, Joseph

Born – February 27, 1983, Rock Springs, Wyoming

Died – April 14, 2003, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown – Rock Springs, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Private First Class

Enlistment Date – July 8, 2002

Unit – 1st Armored Division

Private First Class Joseph P. Mayek, 20, of Rock Springs, WY died on April 14, 2003, after being hit by an armor-piercing round that was accidentally discharged from a Bradley fighting vehicle while in Iraq. PFC Mayek joined the Army after graduating in June from Rock Springs High School. He had been torn between attending college and joining the military. Looking ahead to a possible career in law enforcement, he chose the Army. PFC Mayek was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Smith Barracks, Germany. He had been stationed at Camp Virginia in Kuwait. Survivors include his mother Margaret, stepfather David McFadden, a younger brother and younger sister.

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Meyer, James

Born – October 21, 1953, Kansas City, Kansas
Died – August 20, 2007, Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming

Hometown – Sheridan, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Army, Army National Guard, Civil Air Patrol
Rank – Chief Warrant Officer 4
Enlistment Date – February 3, 2004
Unit – Cloud Peak Composite Squadron, Wyoming Wing, Civil
Air Patrol

Chief Warrant Office 4 James R. Meyer was born on October 21, 1953. CW4 Meyer, 53, died on August 20, 2007, in a plane crash in the Bighorn Mountains while flying as a co-pilot on a search and rescue mission with the Civil Air Patrol. CW4 Meyer graduated from Morris Hills High School in New Jersey. He received his BA degree from Radford University in Va., in 1977 and worked towards a master's degree at Radford before joining the U.S. Air Force. He served in the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard in various locations as an Apache helicopter maintenance test pilot. He was site manager for DynCorp in Europe/the Netherlands from 1996 to 2000. He then worked for Metro Aviation/North West MedStar in Spokane, WA., as an emergency medical service pilot from 2000 to 2002. He went to the Middle East with the U.S. Army Reserve/DynCorp as a test pilot/instructor in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2002 to 2004. He then returned to the US and flew for Wyoming Life Flight in Casper and at the time of his death, was employed by Big Horn Airways of Sheridan. Survivors include his wife, Terese Powers of Sheridan, two sons, James Justin Meyer of Casper and Ryan Kane Campbell of Las Cruces, N.M.; four daughters, Carissa Meyer Irvin of Alexandria, Va., Cynthia Rachel Meyer of Austin, Texas, Heidi Kristina Meyer and Taea Kristin Campbell of Sheridan; his parents-John and Rachel Anne Evans-Meyer, two sisters, Rachael Ann Alexander and Brenda Rose Chew and three grandchildren.

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Miller, Scott

Born – July 14, 1986, Casper, Wyoming

Died – June 9, 2007, Baqubah, Iraq

Hometown – Casper, Wyoming

Branch of Service – Army

Rank – Private

Enlistment Date – 2004

Unit – 2nd Infantry Division

Private Scott A. Miller, 20, of Casper, Wyo., died June 9, 2007 in Baqubah, Iraq, of wounds sustained from enemy small-arms fire. PVT Miller received his diploma from Natrona County High School in Casper in 2004, then enlisted in the Army in 2004 and reported to Fort Lewis later that year, eventually becoming a sniper. PVT Miller was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) out of Fort Lewis, Washington. Pvt Miller was part of Stryker units out of Fort Lewis, Wash. Survivors include his parents, Bob and Suzi Miller, and his grandmother, Mary Harris.



Munier, Charles

Born – May 26, 1956, Cleveland, Ohio
Died – June 12, 2006, Kabul, Afghanistan

Hometown – Wheatland, Wyoming
Branch of Service – Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank – Lieutenant Colonel
Enlistment Date – 1978
Unit – Joint Forces Headquarters Forward

Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Munier was born on May 26, 1956. LTC Munier, 50, died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., after suffering a stroke that occurred in Kabul, Afghanistan while he served during Operation Enduring Freedom. After suffering from the stroke, he was transferred to Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. LTC Munier was assigned to the Wyoming Army National Guard's training site in Guernsey, WY. LTC Munier's military career spanned nearly 28 years. He was commissioned into the Wyoming Army National Guard on December 22, 1978, serving with the 141st Military Police in Casper until transferring to active duty in December 1980. After leaving active duty in August 1992, he transferred to reserve and served as an assistant professor of military science at the University of Wyoming and as an admissions field representative for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After 9/11, he was called to active duty and volunteered for duty in Afghanistan. Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Wheatland; his daughter Victoria and her husband, Jef Rice of Wheatland; father, Fredric E. Munier; a half-brother, Joseph, and a half-sister, Suzan, all of Las Vegas, Nevada; his mother, Jeanne Munier of Tulsa, Oklahoma; his brother Fredric M. Munier and his wife, Barbara, of Weatherford, Texas; and his grandmother, Alwilda Meider of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

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Nott, Leif

Born - September 9, 1978, Italy
Died - July 30, 2003, Belaruz, Iraq

Hometown - Cheyenne, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - First Lieutenant
Enlistment Date - 2000
Unit - 1st Squadron, 10th U.S. Cavalry

First Lieutenant Leif E. Nott, 24, of Cheyenne, WY, died on July 30, 2003, of wounds received from hostile fire in Belaruz, Iraq. 1LT Nott was raised in Europe and graduated from high school in Germany. He spoke at least five languages. When it was time for college, he came back to the United States to continue the family's military tradition, enrolling at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. where he graduated in 2000. 1LT Nott was attached to A Troop, 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas; died of wounds received from hostile fire on July 30 in Belaruz, Iraq. His latest assignment was troop executive officer, the right-hand man for the troop commander. Survivors include his wife Melanie Nott of Cheyenne, his parents Leslie and Raffaella Nott of Cheyenne and a brother, Eric Nott from Cheyenne, Grandmother, Maria Teresa Fadiga of Italy, Olivia Wright of Iowa, Shirley Nott of Cheyenne and Steve Wright of Iowa.

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O'Connor, Sean

Born - March 9, 1989, Camp Pendleton, California
Died - June 12, 2011, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

Hometown - Douglas, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Marines
Rank - Lance Corporal
Enlistment Date - May 20, 2007
Unit - 1st Marine Division

Lance Corporal Sean M. N. O' Connor, 22, of Douglas, WY, died on June 12, 2011, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. LCpl O'Connor graduated from Douglas High School in 2007. He was a rifleman and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. He is the third casualty from the Marines' 1st Battalion since it took command of Sangin, an insurgent stronghold in the Helmand province. His decorations included the Purple Heart and Combat Action Ribbon. Survivors include his parents, Daniel O'Connor and Dee O'Connor; his older sister Sarah; maternal grandmother Leslie-Anne Kippen of Canada; maternal grandfather Gilles Labelle of Canada; step-grandmother Esther Labelle of Canada; paternal grandmother Marilyn O'Connor of Cheyenne; aunt and uncle Deborah and David Wilcock of Canada; aunt and uncle Kendra and C.T. Akers of Wright; aunt Desiree Labelle of Canada; cousins Deirdre Wilcock and Matthew Harnum, Daryll and Candace Wilcock and daughters Olivia and Bridgett, Sharon Labelle and daughter Madyson, and Samantha Labelle.

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Parrott, Michael

Born - December 13, 1955, Clyde, North Carolina

Died - November 10, 2005, Balad, Iraq

Hometown - Timnath, Colorado

Branch of Service - Wyoming Army National Guard

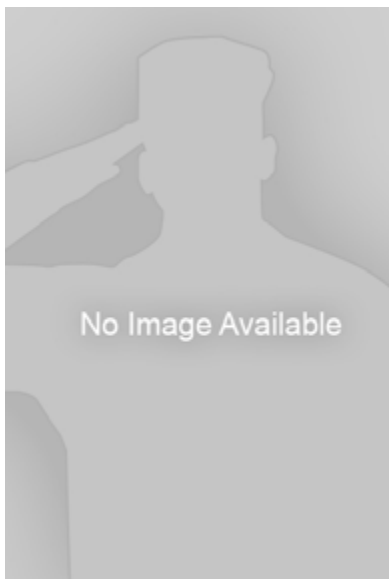
Rank - Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date - September 14, 1976

Unit - 28th Infantry Division

Staff Sergeant Michael C. Parrott was born December 13, 1955, in North Carolina. SSG Parrott, 49, died in Balad, Iraq, of injuries sustained in Khalidiyah, Iraq, where his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire as he patrolled a highway in Iraq. SSG Parrott was assigned to the Joint Forces Headquarters, Army National Guard in Cheyenne, WY. SSG Parrott, was currently a member of the 28th Infantry of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Sgt Parrott had served in Iraq as a member of the Wyoming Guard's 115th Field Artillery Brigade. He volunteered to go back and was deployed with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard when he was killed. Survivors include his mother Mary Suzanne Cody-Parrott from NC, his wife, Meg Corwin from Timnath, CO, son, Jason Corwin, and a brother, Jim Parrott. He is also the son of the late, Leonard "L.C." Parrott.

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Pennock, Joshua

Born - May 5, 1975, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Died - September 5, 2012, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hometown - Cheyenne, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank - Sergeant
Enlistment Date - February 14, 2006
Unit - C Company, 5-159 General Aviation Support Battalion

Sergeant Joshua Eugene Pennock, was born May 5, 1975, in Cheyenne, WY. SGT Pennock of Charlie Company 5/159th died September 5, 2012, in Cheyenne, WY in a non-combat related incident. SGT Pennock served in the Wyoming Army National Guard beginning Feb. 14, 2006, where he was an aircraft mechanic crew chief. In 2008, he was deployed to Afghanistan for a year with Charlie Company 5/159th. SGT Pennock is survived by his mother, Pamela Pennock-Glaser, and stepfather, Jan Glaser, of Valparaiso, Neb.; brother, Jason and Lori Pennock of Cheyenne; significant other, Kestin Braden, and her daughters, Ashtin and Taylon of Brighton, Colo.; grandparents, Joe and Donna Garule of Cheyenne; three aunts, Patti Garule, Bette Tallabas and Delores Pennock, all of Cheyenne; uncle, Raymond Pennock of Cheyenne; three nephews, Joshua Sumner, Colt Patterson and Ty Patterson, all of Cheyenne; and numerous cousins.

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Petersen, Justin

Born - June 30, 1981, Wyoming
Died - May 28, 2009, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Hometown - Linn, Iowa
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Sergeant First Class
Enlistment Date - June 2000
Unit - 10th Special Forces Group

Sergeant First Class Justin Alfred Petersen was born on June 30, 1981. SFC Peterson, died May 28, 2009, from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident in Colorado Springs, CO. SFC Peterson graduated from Rock Springs HS in 2000. SFC Peterson enlisted June 2000 in the Army as a combat engineer. He was stationed as a Green Beret at Fort Carson, Colorado, assigned to the 2nd Battalion 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He earned his Green Beret in 2007 and became a Special Forces engineer Sgt. Military education included Basic Airborne School, Combat Life Savers Course, Survival, Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE-High Risk) Course and the Special Forces Qualification Course. Awards include: Army Commendation Medal, with three oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal, with one oak leaf; Army Good Conduct Medal, with three knots; and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal. Decorations include: Iraqi Campaign Medal, with two Bronze Service Stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; & Overseas Service Ribbon, with numeral three. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Survivors include his wife, Svetlana; son, Michael; mother and stepfather, Julie Dorigatti and Patrick; brother, Danniell Peterson; sister, Amie Antonino; grandparents, Alfred and Helen Petersen; mother and father-in-law, Larisa and Johannes Gauzel; and brother-in-law, Alexander Gauzel.

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Phelps, Chance

Born - July 14, 1984, Riverton, Wyoming
Died - April 9, 2004, Anbar Province, Iraq

Hometown - Clifton, Colorado
Branch of Service - Marines
Rank - Private First Class
Enlistment Date - 2003
Unit - 1st Marine Division

Marine Corps Private First Class Chance R. Phelps, 19, died April 9, 2004, when shot by hostile fire while battling insurgents in Anbar province, Iraq while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. PFC Phelps graduated from Palisade CO in 2003. PFC Phelps was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. PFC Phelps' story is the subject of an HBO movie, "Taking Chance." Survivors include his father, John Phelps, who lives in Dubois, his mother, Gretchen Mack from Riverton, sister, Kelley who works at the Pentagon, Guy Whitlock his ex-stepfather from Craig, CO.

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Pickett, Tyler

Born - May 5, 1980, Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Died - June 8, 2008, Kirkuk Province, Iraq

Hometown - Saratoga, Wyoming

Branch of Service - Army

Rank - Staff Sergeant

Enlistment Date - 2000

Unit - 10th Mountain Division

Staff Sergeant Tyler E. Pickett, 28, died on June 8, 2008, in Kirkuk Province from wounds sustained when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using makeshift bombs. SSGT Pickett graduated from Saratoga High School in 1999 and enlisted in the military about a year later, SSGT Pickett was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y. SSGT Pickett was on his second tour in Iraq and had also served in Afghanistan. Survivors include his wife, Kristy Pickett, of Antwerp, N.Y., and her two children, his mother, Sheri Peterson, of Saratoga, WY, his father, Ed Pickett, of Rice Lake, and his grandfather, Jim Peterson, from Elysian, Minn., and other family members in WY.



Reiss, Brendon

Born - May 17, 1979, Wyoming
Died - March 23, 2003, Nasiniyah, Iraq

Hometown - Casper, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Marines
Rank - Sergeant
Enlistment Date - August 10, 1998
Unit - 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Sergeant Brendon C. Reiss, died on Mar 23rd, 2003. Sgt Reiss, 23, was last seen when unit was engaged in combat operations in the vicinity of Nasiriyah, Iraq. Sgt Reiss was killed when a rocket-propelled grenade hit the troop carrier he was in. Sgt Reiss was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Survivors include his wife Tensley Reiss of Chattanooga, Tennessee, his mother, Angela Reiss of Casper, his stepmother, Carol Reiss.

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Reyna, Seferino

Born - March 19, 1985, Phoenix, Arizona

Died - August 7, 2005, Taji, Iraq

Hometown - Phoenix, Arizona

Branch of Service - Army

Rank - Specialist

Enlistment Date - August 2002

Unit - 1st Armored Division

Specialist Seferino J. Reyna, 20, died on August 7, 2005, in Taji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. SPC Reyna graduated from Pass Alternative high School in Kingman. He enlisted in the Army in August 2002. SPC Reyna was assigned to the 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. Survivors include his wife Jennifer Reyna, his daughter, Savannah, his son, Aquilino, his father-in-law, Randy Fort.

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Ross, Jacob

Born - May 13, 1990, Wyoming
Died - March 24, 2010, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

Hometown - Gillette, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Marines
Rank - Lance Corporal
Enlistment Date - July 8, 2008
Unit - 2nd Marine Division

Lance Corporal Jacob A. Ross died on March 24th, 2010. LCpl Ross19, was killed while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. LCpl Ross graduated from Campbell County High School in Gillette, WY. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. His deployment was supposed to end in May. Survivors include wife, Brittney Oliver Ross of Jacksonville; mother, Karen Ross and his father, Dennis Ross, both of Gillette; sister, Katie Ross of Gillette; brother, Nathan Ross from Gillette, and his uncle, Steve Sundermeyer.

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Sanderson, Tyler

Born - November 11, 1990, Goldsboro, North Carolina

Died - June 17, 2012, Fort Benning, Georgia

Hometown - Douglas, Wyoming

Branch of Service - Army

Rank - Specialist

Enlistment Date - 2010

Unit -

Specialist Tyler Dale Sanderson, 21, died on June 17, 2012, in Fort Benning, GA due to injuries received in an automobile accident. SPC Sanderson graduated from Douglas, WY then he attended Casper College for one semester. He was born on Veterans Day, his family believes it destined him to his love of the Army. Against all advice, he enlisted in the Army for five years instead of three. His first station was in Korea. Survivors include his parents, Christine and Dave Sanderson; brother, Blake Sanderson; a cousin who just came to live with the family, Braedon Madewell; maternal grandparents, Judy and Ross Kent all of Douglas; paternal grandmother, Arliss Sanderson of Chambers, NE; fiancé, Tamera Moorhead of Ogallala, NE; aunts and uncles, Beckie and Eric Oliver of Douglas; Jeanne and Dustin Breiner of O'Neill, NE; Bill Logemann of Douglas; Kathy and Shane Ross of Valentine, NE; Bud and Linda Sanderson of O'Neill; Tony and Susan Sanderson of Chambers; and Lenny Sanderson of Colorado; and God-parents, Bev and Steve Garls of Douglas.

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Schamberg, Kurt

Born - July 16, 1978, Warren, Ohio
Died - May 20, 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown - Euclid, Ohio
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Sergeant
Enlistment Date - April 2003
Unit - 10th Mountain Division

Sergeant Kurt D. Schamberg died on May 20, 2005. SGT Schamberg, 26, he was killed May 20 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee in Baghdad, Iraq, while on patrol near the Abu Ghraib prison. He had been injured once before in the leg. SGT Schamberg, graduated in 1997 from Grand Valley High School. He joined the Army in April 2003, then completed basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia in July 2003, then was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. He was with Charley Company, 2nd Bat, 14th Infantry, 2nd Brigade. He had only three weeks left on his second tour that started on January 25, 2005. He was awarded the Purple Heart on April 12 for a leg injury. He was presented a Purple Heart by U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on April 12th, 2005 for injuries sustained during a fire fight while on patrol March 31st. Survivors include his father and step-mother, Tom and Joanne Schamberg of Melrose, MA, his mother and stepfather Pam and Mark Lindsay of Gillette, WY. Brothers Lance of Middlefield, Ohio. Jay of Denver, CO, his sister Terah of Philadelphia, PA and maternal grandmother Rose Mary Gabriel of Green Bay, Wisconsin, paternal grandmother LaVerne Schamberg of Melbourne, FL, and many other family members.

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Schwartz, Matthew

Born - April 2, 1977, Traverse City, Michigan
Died - January 5, 2012, Helmand Province, Afghanistan

Hometown - Cheyenne, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Air Force
Rank - Technical Sergeant
Enlistment Date - 2000
Unit - 90th Civil Engineer Squadron

Technical Sergeant Matthew S. Schwartz, 34, died January 5, 2012, while serving During Operation Enduring Freedom 34, at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. TSgt Schwartz graduated in 1996 from Traverse City Central HS. He was assigned to 90th Civil Eng Squadron, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY. He was in charge of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Operations for his unit and provided a 24-hour Force Base response capability for U.S. and foreign conventional, nuclear, chemical, biological ordnance & improvised explosive devices. He had 12 years in the Air Force and was on his sixth deployment. His major awards and decorations included: Three Bronze Stars with two oak leaf clusters and one V device (the final bronze star issued for heroism), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Combat Action Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer O'Brien-Schwartz, and 3 daughters, Aliza, Emily and Morgan, of Cheyenne, WY, his father, Tim (Gail) Schwartz; his mother, Cynthia (Gary) Walters; one brother, Luke (Anne) Schwartz; sister, Heather Schwartz; half sister, Ana Walters; stepsisters, Stephanie (Eric) McLean and Julie (Armann) Fenger; paternal grandparents, Dale (Donna) Schwartz; maternal grandparents, John (Patricia) Bristol.

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Spatol, Theodore

Born - April 1, 1947, Thermopolis, Wyoming
Died - December 14, 2006, Thermopolis, Wyoming

Hometown - Thermopolis, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Navy, Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date - December 9, 1986
Unit - 1041st Engineer Company

Staff Sergeant Theodore A. Spatul, 59, died of a non-combat related illness in Thermopolis, Wyo. On December 14, 2006 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Spatul was stationed in Iraq. SSG Spatul graduated in New Jersey, with the class of 1966. After graduation, he joined the Navy Seabees, serving three tours in Vietnam. He later joined the Army National Guard, where he was enlisted until the time of his death, serving his country for 40 years. He joined the military in 1986 and was recently deployed while assigned to the 1041st Engineer Company, out of Rock Springs, WY. Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of Thermopolis; three daughters, Pamela (Richard) Giannino of Riverton and Krystal and Elisabeth Spatul of Thermopolis; brother Donald of New Jersey; sister Irene Guisinger of New York; four grandchildren, AJ, Ricquelle and Jonathan Giannino and Koren Gene; plus several nieces and nephews of Wyoming, New York and New Jersey.

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Spencer, Keith

Born - March 14, 1963, Reno, Nevada
Died - January 2, 2009, Cody, Wyoming

Hometown - Laramie, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Wyoming Air National Guard
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date - September 23, 1988
Unit - 153rd Maintenance Group

Staff Sergeant Keith Osborn Spencer, 45, passed away on January 2, 2009, when he was knocked off an ice climb by an avalanche while climbing ice on the Shoshone River near Yellowstone Park by Cody, WY. SSgt Spencer attended Reno schools, graduating from Hug High in 1981, and earned degrees in Biology and Geology from the University of Wyoming. Keith was an avid backpacker, a competitive distance runner and biathlete, and an accomplished worldwide alpinist. At the time of his death, he lived in Cheyenne and served with the Wyoming Air National Guard 153rd Airlift unit. Survivors include his parents, John S. and Faith P. Spencer, brothers, Robert H., J. Peter (Susan), and Eric V. (Anne) Spencer; nephew, Quinn H. Spencer, and uncle, Alton Pedersen.



Spurlin, Stephen

Born - July 1, 1990, Casper, Wyoming
Died - April 18, 2011, Fort Collins, Colorado

Hometown - Evansville, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Private First Class
Enlistment Date - May 2010
Unit - 4th Infantry Division

Private First Class Stephen K. Spurlin was born July 1, 1990. PFC Spurlin, 20, died April 18, 2011, in a fatal car wreck. PFC Spurlin enlisted in the Army and was assigned to HSD, DSTB, 4ID. He is survived by his mother, Kim McClelland, father, Stephen Carl Spurlin, three younger brothers, William Spurlin, Pete Gonzales, Brandon Silva, younger sister, Heidi Robertson, grandmother, Mary Cox, grandfathers, Steve Spurlin and David Sans, stepmother, Janie Spurlin, aunts, Angel Lewallen, Davina and Tisha Sams, uncles, Forrest Sams and Jim Spurlin and several cousins such as Danny Harshfield.

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Tanner, Phillip

Born - October 18, 1967, Wyoming
Died - October 26, 2010, Salem, Kuwait

Hometown - Sheridan, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Sergeant First Class
Enlistment Date - October 1993
Unit - 101st Airborne Division

Sergeant First Class Class Phillip C. Tanner was born on October 18, 1967. SFC Tanner, 43, died at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait, of injuries sustained in a non-combat incident. SFC Tanner was processing through Kuwait after leaving Afghanistan enroute to Fort Campbell at the time of his death. He was assigned to 106th Transportation Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY. His awards and decorations include, Bronze Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Non commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal, and Driver Mechanic Badge. Survivors include his wife, Hyun J. Tanner and his daughter, Ashley, sisters, Taresa Baldwin, Shara Sidebottom, Harlettie Skaggs, and stepsisters, Lorraine LaFever and Gail LaFever.

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Tinsley, Thomas

Born - December 24, 1962, Wheatland, Wyoming

Died - July 27, 2008, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

Hometown - Wheatland, Wyoming

Branch of Service - Air Force

Rank - Brigadier General

Enlistment Date - 1984

Unit - 3rd Wing

Brigadier General Thomas L. Tinsley died on July 27, 2008. Brig Gen Tinsley received his BA in 1984 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, his Master degree in 1995 at Embry-Riddle and his Masters in National Security in 1998 at the Naval War College. He was Commander, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Brig Gen Tinsley was commissioned in 1984 through the ROTC program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was a distinguished graduate of undergraduate pilot training. He has served as an F-15 instructor pilot, F-15C test pilot, wing weapons officer, exchange officer and instructor with the Royal Australian Air Force. He served in the Directorate for Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff as South Asia desk officer and executive assistant to the Deputy for Political-Military Affairs for Asia Pacific and the Middle East. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Survivors include his father, Del Tinsley and his mother, Marilyn Tinsley of Chadron, Neb.; his wife, Joanna; daughter, Eden, both of Alaska; a nephew, Tyler Stanley, also of Alaska.

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Trueblood, Eric

Born - January 24, 1984, Gillette, Wyoming
Died - March 10, 2011, Kandahar Prov., Afghanistan

Hometown - Alameda, California
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date - 2003
Unit - 723rd EOD Company

Staff Sergeant Eric S. Trueblood, born 24 January 1984, grew up in Alameda, CA. SSG Trueblood began his Army Career in May of 2003, when he attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, KY. Upon successful completion of Basic Training, SSG Trueblood attended Advanced Individual Training at the United States Army Mechanical Maintenance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD., where he was awarded the Military Occupation Specialty 63W. Upon completion of Advanced Individual Training, he was assigned to the 557th Maintenance Company at Fort Irwin, CA. In 2004, SSG Trueblood deployed to Kuwait with the 699th Maintenance Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and in 2006 deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). In 2007, SSG Trueblood attended Phase I of Explosive Ordnance Disposal School at Redstone Arsenal, AL, and Phase II Explosive Ordnance Disposal School at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. Upon successful completion of Explosive Ordnance Disposal School, SSG Trueblood was assigned to the 720th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Spinelli Barracks, Mannheim, Germany. SSG Trueblood's awards and decorations include: The Army Commendation Medal with V-Device; The Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC); The Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC); The Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award); National Defense Service Ribbon; The Afghanistan Campaign Medal (1 CS); The Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; The Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; The Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; The Army Service Ribbon; The Overseas Service Ribbon (NUM 2) and the "Silver" Schutzenschnur. He has also been awarded the Basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge; the Combat Action Badge; The Air Assault Badge; The Driver and Mechanic Badges. SSG Trueblood is survived by his parents: Donald Trueblood from Alameda, CA and Linda Trueblood from Mt. View, CA.

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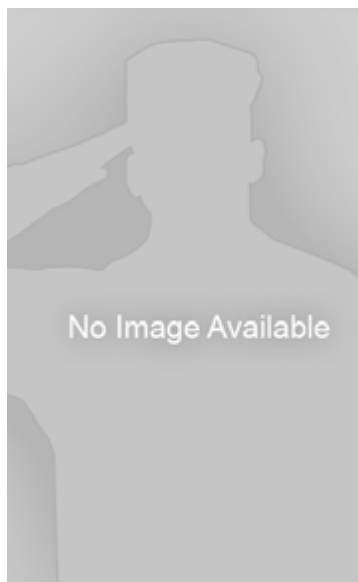
Turk, David

Born - May 1, 1978, Casper, Wyoming
Died - November 27, 2008, Glenrock, Wyoming

Hometown - Laramie, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank - Specialist
Enlistment Date - 1996
Unit - 133rd Engineer Company

Specialist David Dustin 'Dusty' Turk was born on May 1, 1978. Spc Turk, 30, died November 27, 2008, SPC Turk attended school in Glenrock and was involved with the Job Corps in Anaconda, MT, where he received his GED. SPC Turk enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1996, and following his discharge, worked as mechanic, welder, and heavy equipment operator. ;He had served with the Army National Guard since 2004. He was part of the "Ghost Riders" (1041st Engineering Company) out of Rock Springs, WY. His unit was deployed to the Iraq War in June 2006, and returned to Wyoming in October 2007. Survivors include his wife, Latitia Whittington-Turk, daughters, Mahtaya, Mykah, and Mystori Turk all of Glenrock; father and stepmother, Chuck and Joni Turk of Wamsutter, WY; mother, Cheryl Ayers of Casper; siblings, April (Darrell) Summers of Glenrock, Felicia (Chris) Rollier of Taylorsville, KY, Angela (Chris) Gauna of San Antonio, TX, and Cody Turk of Wamsutter; paternal grandmother, Alice N. Turk of Cheyenne, WY; maternal grandmother, Viola Bullington of Casper; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Tuttle, Patrick

Born - June 28, 1990,

Died - September 8, 2009, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hometown - California

Branch of Service - Air Force

Rank - Airman

Enlistment Date - 1996

Unit - 30th Airlift Squadron

Airman Tuttle died on September 8, 2009. Airman Tuttle was a member of the 30th Airlift Squadron of the United States Air Force.

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Vasquez, Justin

Born - January 26, 1979, Rocky Ford, Colorado
Died - June 5, 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown - Manzanola, Colorado
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date - 1996
Unit - 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Staff Sergeant Justin L. Vasquez, 26, died June 5, 2005, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SSG Vasquez was killed June 5 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle in Baghdad. Sgt Vasquez graduated in 1997 then joined the Army. Sgt Vasquez was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo. His unit was deployed to Iraq in March. Survivors include wife, Kristi, a son Justin David Vasquez from a previous marriage, his sister Jennifer, his father Tino Vasquez.

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Watts, Billy

Born - October 9, 1975, Cody, Wyoming
Died - February 5, 2004, Douglas, Wyoming

Hometown - Cody, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Wyoming Army National Guard
Rank - Specialist
Enlistment Date - 2003
Unit - 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery

Specialist Billy Jess Watts was born on October 9, 1975. SPC Watts, 28, died Feb. 5, 2004, from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident near Douglas, WY while he was en route with the National Guard for training in Guernsey prior to deployment to Iraq. SPC Watts attended Cody High School and graduated in 1994. Following graduation, he joined the Army National Guard in 2003, was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., and then Fort Stewart, Ga. He returned to Cody following his discharge. In 2003, he joined the National Guard. He was drawn for a Feb. 22, 2004, deployment to Iraq, where he was looking forward to serving as a military police officer. He is survived by his wife Connie Lorraine Rubis-Watts, and son Austin John Watts of Cody, parents Bill and Bertha Watts of Cody, sisters Bonnie (Chip) Newton of Cody, Betty (Kevin) Geisler of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Barbara (Rodney) Oliver, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Westhusing, Theodore

Born - November 17, 1960, Dallas, Texas

Died - June 5, 2005, Baghdad, Iraq

Hometown - Dallas, Texas

Branch of Service - Army

Rank - Colonel

Enlistment Date - 1983

Unit - 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery

Colonel Theodore S. Westhusing died June 5, 2005, serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. COL Westhusing had volunteered to serve in Iraq, he died at Camp Dublin outside Baghdad, Iraq. COL Westhusing, a 1979 graduate of Jenks High School in Jenks, OK. COL Westhusing graduated from West Point in 1983. He had doctorates in Russian, philosophy and military strategy. He was assigned to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; serving with the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq. He was a West Point professor. He was working as counter-terrorism and special operations in Iraq. His primary duty was to oversee the training of Iraqis for civilian police duty. Survivors include his wife and three children, his mother, Terry Patricia Obrein-Clark, of Tulsa, his father, James Keith Westhusing, his brother, and Tim Westhusing of Broken Arrow.

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Wilson, Christopher

Born - April 20, 1982, Dickinson, North Dakota
Died - March 29, 2007, Korengal Outpost, Afghanistan

Hometown - Bangor, Maine
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Specialist
Enlistment Date - September 2002
Unit - 10th Mountain Division

Specialist Christopher M. Wilson, 24, died March 29, 2007, in Korengal Outpost, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from a rocket-propelled grenade explosion while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. SPC Wilson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. Wilson had been in the Army since 2002 and was deployed to Afghanistan with his unit in March 2006. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals. Survivors include a daughter, Jayden from Bangor, Maine, his mother and stepfather, Ilka and Scott Halliday of Chicopee, Massachusetts, Christina Evans, from Texas.

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Winter, Nancy

Born - October 13, 1978, Ramsey County, Minnesota

Died - August 24, 2008, Prescott, Wisconsin

Hometown - St. Paul, Minnesota

Branch of Service - Wyoming Air National Guard

Rank - Technical Sergeant

Enlistment Date - 2000

Unit - 153rd Medical Group

Technical Sergeant Nancy Winter was born on October 13, 1978. TSgt Winter, 29, died tragically on August 24, 2008, from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. TSgt Winter graduated in 1997 from Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. She then studied nursing at Century before joining the military. TSgt Winter was stationed in the twin cities. She recently returned from a humanitarian mission in Guatemala. She was assigned to the 153rd Medical Group with the Wyoming Air National Guard. TSgt Winter had helped recover bodies from the rubble of the World Trade Center in New York City after the 9011 attacks. Awards she received were "outstanding professional skill knowledge and leadership. Survivors include her mother, Donna Knop; father, David Winter; sister, Laura Winter; niece, Erica Winter; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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Wittman, Jeremiah

Born - July 9, 1983, Billings, Montana
Died - February 13, 2010, Zhari Province, Afghanistan

Hometown - Billings, Montana
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Sergeant
Enlistment Date - 2004
Unit - 4th Infantry Division

Sergeant Jeremiah T. Wittman, 26, died on February 13, 2010, of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device in Zhari Province, Afghanistan. SGT Wittman attended elementary and middle school in Billings then moved to Powell, WY. He graduated from Trapper Creek High in Darby then enlisted in the Army in 2004. Sgt. Wittman was assigned to 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division in Fort Carson. SGT Wittman had served in Korea, and deployed to Afghanistan in May, about a year and a half after serving 15 months in Iraq. Survivors include his wife, Karyn Rose Reneau-Wittman, his daughter, Miah, his daughter, Arianna Andrews, his mother, Cynthia Church, his father, Robert Wittman, his in-laws, Ray and Carol Reneau of Chesnee, SC, grandmother-in-law, Mary Burnett from Spartanburg County, His aunt, Kari Dvorak, and three sisters, Charity Whittman of Cody, WY, and Jenell McElhinny and Natasha Wittman both of Billings, MT, one brother, Robbie Wittman of Billings.

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Workman, Jason

Born - August 12, 1978, Montrose, Colorado

Died - August 5, 2011, Wardak, Afghanistan

Hometown - Blanding, Utah

Branch of Service - Navy

Rank - Petty Officer First Class

Enlistment Date - August 2003

Unit - Naval Special Warfare Unit

Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1st Class (SEAL) Jason Ray Workman, 32, died of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed while conducting special operations combat in Afghanistan. PO1 Workman enlisted in the Navy in Aug, 2003. After graduating Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Illinois on Oct, 2003, he went to the Center for Surface Combat Systems, Virginia Beach, VA until Jan, 2004. He then reported to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training at Coronado, CA. After graduating BUD/S in Sept, 2004, he went to Naval Special Warfare Adv Training Command at Coronado, CA, where he served until March of 2005. He went to his East Coast based SEAL Team in Aug, 2005. PO1 Workman's awards include Bronze Star with Combat "V" device for valor, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Good Conduct Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3), Rifle Marksmanship Medal, and Pistol Marksmanship Medal. Survivors include his wife, Stacey, his son, Jax both of Blanding, UT, his parents, Betty and Rodney Workman of Blanding, UT, his brothers, Corey, from Blanding, Stephen, from New York, NY, Timothy, from New Jersey.

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Zorn, Ryan

Born - July 9, 1974, Minot, North Dakota
Died - November 16, 2009, Tal Afar, Iraq

Hometown - Upton, Wyoming
Branch of Service - Army
Rank - Staff Sergeant
Enlistment Date - 1994
Unit - 1st Infantry Division

Staff Sergeant Ryan L. Zorn died on Nov 16th, 2009 in Tal Afar, Iraq, suffering traumatic head injuries sustained during a vehicle rollover. SSG Zorn was based at Fort Riley, Kansas and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. He had planned to be a career serviceman. He was on his third tour in Iraq when he was killed. During a 15-year military career, he had been stationed across the United States and in Germany, Saudi Arabia and Korea. SSG Zorn was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. He trained there to be part of a military transition team — a small group of soldiers that advises and teaches Iraqi soldiers. He deployed in March for a year long tour. Survivors include his parents, Myron and JoAnn Zorn of Wright, Wyo., a brother, Todd Zorn of Wright, and his grandmother. A nephew, Brian Gibbs of Wright, and two nieces, Samantha and Paige Zorn of Wright, a great nephew, Jacobi Gibbs of Wright.

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